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2. How does Boo Radley ultimately challenge the rumors about him and defy readers' understanding of his initial characterization?
 - a. He explains his actions to Atticus and Heck Tate.



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4. What is the most likely reason that Atticus makes Jem read to Mrs. Dubose?
 - a. He thinks the semi-public apology will make Jem more obedient.
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This statement best supports which central idea of the novel?

- a. People's interpretations of events are usually biased.
 - b. Courts are the only place where objectivity can exist.
 - c. Justice depends on careful listening and an educated jury.
 - d. People are unable to mind their own businesses.
6. Explain the similarities between the townspeople's treatment of Boo Radley and Tom Robinson. Then use examples to explain how Atticus's approach to them



7. Which statement about gender roles in the novel is true?
- a. Jem and Dill believe girls are inferior and begin to distance themselves from Scout once she adopts traditional gender roles.
 - b. Aunt Alexandra enforces strict traditional gender roles, but Atticus supports his daughter's individuality.
 - c. Atticus believes men make poor caregivers, so he steps aside to let his sister and Calpurnia raise Scout as a proper lady.
 - d. Aunt Alexandra looks down on most of the ladies in Maycomb because many of them do not act femininely.
8. Which event most strongly contributes to Scout's moral development?
- a. Dill's attempts to escape his troubled home life
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9. Complete the graphic organizer to show how Atticus teaches his children to be compassionate. Describe three instances involving his interactions with or discussions about three different characters. Then explain the significance of each instance. An example has been completed for you.

Character and Instance	Significance
Scout complains about her teacher, Miss Caroline. Atticus tells Scout to consider Miss Caroline is a newcomer and made honest mistakes on her first day.	This helps teach Scout to consider others' unique points of view. It explicitly warns against assuming intent and encourages Scout to give the benefit of the doubt.



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11. What do Scout and Dill learn about Dolphus Raymond?
- He pretends to drink since it gives people an easy excuse for why he defies racial expectations.
 - He started drinking after one of his mixed-race children was killed.
 - He has helped cover up multiple crimes committed by African Americans in the community.
 - He is secretly mixed raced, which is what helped him realize Maycomb's racial prejudices.
12. Explain the meaning of the following statement made by Miss Maudie in chapter 22. What does it reveal about her feelings toward Atticus?



13. Which plot point best supports the theme that people are often misunderstood by society?
- Scout fights with Walter Cunningham and Cecil Jacobs.
 - Scout and Jem build an unflattering snowman.
 - Aunt Alexandra moves in with Atticus and starts making changes.
 - Boo Radley leaves gifts for the children in a knothole.
14. Which statement about the night the children snuck onto the Radley property is *not* true?
- Nathan Radley misidentified the children and shot at them for being trespassers.
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"... but in this country our courts are the great levelers, and in our courts all men are created equal."

What central idea is Atticus expressing with this statement?

- a. The legal system should treat all people fairly.
- b. Wealthiness unfairly determines success in court.
- c. Unbiased judges should decide cases instead of biased juries.
- d. Laws are set up to protect certain citizens more than others.



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17. Explain why Miss Gates's lesson on Hitler and democracy was hypocritical.

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19. Reread the following quote from Atticus in chapter 10.

"Shoot all the bluejays you want, if you can hit 'em, but remember it's a sin to kill a mockingbird."

What does the mockingbird symbolize in the novel?

- a. people who live in poverty
- b. innocent individuals harmed by society
- c. people's ignorance and double standards
- d. the power of the justice system



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fate? What message do they send about Tom's accusers? How do they relate to the novel's title and overall themes of innocence, prejudice, and morality?

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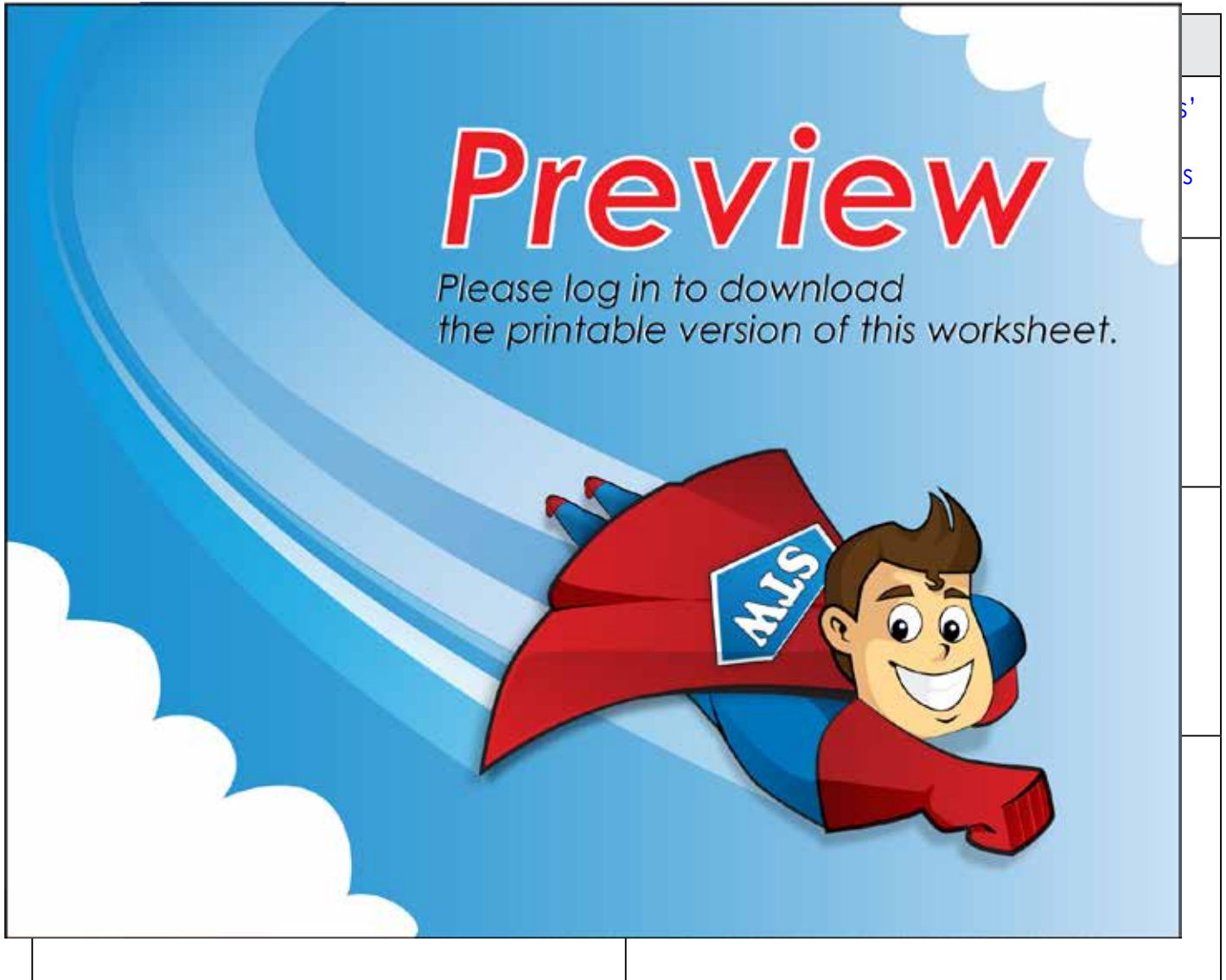
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